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I am opposed to the current settlement between the United States Government and Microsoft Corporation, specifically Section III(J)(2). Specifically, the language says that it need not describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business: "... (c) meets reasonable, objective standards established by Microsoft for certifying the authenticity and viability of its business." For this settlement to be fair Microsoft should not be making decisions on the openness of the API, but allow all interested parties to use calls previously unavailable to them, but available to Microsoft applications.

Thanks You,

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